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[EXTERNAL] in opposition to drilling in the Coastal Plain of ANWR1 message

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Dear fellow Americans,

As a 30 year military veteran and grandfather, I treasure our great nation and its natural resources. As you well know, some resources never recover from damage that humans cause. That comment applies to the ANWR.

We don't need additional petroleum resources to be a strong and secure country. In fact, petroleum engines have made

us weaker and fatter and have caused untold lung disease resulting in premature death for many Americans. The sooner we switch to renewable forms of energy, such as solar and wind, the better for our health and our national security.

Finally and most powerfully, the precautionary principle tells us that the damage that drilling in ANWR would cause is long-term. Better to use other methods to meet our nation's energy needs. No need to irretrievably destroy precious Alaskan

tundra or wildlife habitat to accomplish a task that would be better done in other ways. The pollution and roads and trash will

be visible for centuries.

I strongly oppose any EIS or plan to drill in the Coastal Plain of ANWR. Please don't do it, for the sake of my grandchildren and our nation.

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Patriotism is supporting your country all the time and your government when it deserves it.

Mark Twain